

FIRST REPORT OF SPECULARIA BIFLORA (R. & P.)  
FISCH. & MEV. IN NEW YORK STATE

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On June 18, 1978 I noticed a few plants of *Specularia biflora* (R. & P.) Fisch. & Mev. (Campanulaceae) growing between large rocks forming a retaining wall on the campus of the State University College at Oneonta, New York. This wall is well drained, faces south, and provides a dry habitat for several "weedy" species of herbaceous plants. I had never noticed this species growing there previously, even though I frequently walk past this area during the summer.

*Gray's Manual of Botany* (Fernald, 1950) lists the northeastern limit of the range of this species as south-east Virginia, southern Kentucky, Missouri, and Kansas. The revised edition of *The New Britton and Brown Illustrated Flora of the Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada* (Gleason, 1963) sets the northeastern limit as southern Virginia to Kentucky and Missouri. *Plants of the Vicinity of New York* (Gleason, 1962) does not mention *Specularia biflora* (R. & P.) Fisch. & Mev., although it does include *Specularia perfoliata* (L.) A. DC.

Recently Dr. Charles J. Sheviak, Curator of Botany at the New York State Museum in Albany, was kind enough to check the records there for me. He said that there are no records of *Specularia biflora* (R. & P.) Fisch. & Mev. in the state herbarium or in their files on the New York flora. So, it appears that it has never been reported in New York state.

I collected and pressed one plant which has been deposited in the herbarium of the State University College at Oneonta, New York. The few remaining plants were still growing on the wall at the end of the summer, and seeds were released from fruits formed on the specimen that was collected. A few plants were growing in the same area of the wall in the summer of 1979.

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